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Dear Mr. Kellerman,

Like my previous letter, this one does not require an answer, though now that you have retired, I would very much like to talk to you, on a confidential basis both ways.

I do regret you were not a witness in New Orleans, for I believe you do have unrecorded knowledge that is important. I also believe you will be better off when you are not alone in having this knowledge.

However, I have two purposes in writing you, and both are to give you information.

You may recall that when you testified before the Warren Commission a great effort was made to make it seem that injury to his voice apparatus made it impossible for the late President to have spoken, hence you could not have heard what you said. Well, according to the testimony of Colonel Finck in New Orleans, this is not so. That shot did not impair the President's ability to speak. It did not hit his voice box at all, despite this additional part of the nasty campaign to destroy what you tried to say.

I have now completed two parts of a three-part study of the autopsy. I have much that is not generally known, including a number of documents thought to have been destroyed. If you have any interest in what I have, what I have learned, you may have access to it. There are many things you did not understand, as I then would not, had I been in your place. But if I correctly read what you did say and the way it was handled, you observed accurately and understood correctly, that is, those things you could. One thing you were not asked that may not strike you as important I think is. I think, before memory further dims recollection, if you have not already done it you should make a note of every person who was present at the autopsy, for whatever length of time, his function, if any. You will better understand the importance of this if you read Colonel Finck's testimony and the first part of my study. The O'Neill-Sibert report is entirely incomplete on this, and in the most significant ways. I have this testimony, if you want to read it. You will be under no obligation if you want to, with this or anything else. If you recall your drives to Camp David, we are three miles to the left of the first Fort Detrick exit on 15, near Shookstown. And you also should know that whether or not the Secret Service still has them, the historical record does not include the receipts you signed. I have sought them and have this in writing from the head of the Archives. These are not all the evidence that has "disappeared". Some of the pictures and X-rays of the autopsy have , too. I do suggest to you that your personal interest requires the making of a record the Warren Commission sought to avoid. There are other things some of you who I believe were dedicated to your responsibilities should know. If you ever want to, I do trust you to maintain my confidence as I would yours.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg

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